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Viewing cable 05NEWDELHI7493, INDIAN GOVERNMENT AGGRESSIVELY DEFENDING ITS VOTE ON IRAN

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
05NEWDELHI7493	2005-09-26 13:06	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy New Delhi

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<http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/article1538155.ece>

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E.O. 12958: DECL: 09/27/2015

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SUBJECT: INDIAN GOVERNMENT AGGRESSIVELY DEFENDING ITS VOTE ON IRAN

Classified By: Charge Robert Blake, Jr. for Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

1. (C) Summary: India's decision to support the US/EU resolution on Iran at the IAEA was the most important signal so far of the UPA's commi

Explaining the Vote

2. (SBU) India's decision to support the US/EU resolution on Iran at the IAEA was the most important signal so far of the UPA's commitment to

3. (SBU) New Delhi also tried to preempt predictable criticism that India has abandoned its cherished neutrality. Citing India's extensive co

Hail of Criticism...

4. (SBU) The usual cast of detractors, including the Left, were quick to rail against the vote, citing arguments anticipated by the GOI. Mos

...And Support

5. (SBU) Other commentators, however, were more positive about the effect the vote would have on the international objective to gain Iran's f

6. (SBU) On the more immediate issue of how the vote will affect the proposed pipeline with Iran, the Sept 23 International Herald Tribune re

7. (C) Congress spokesman and Gandhi family confidant Ananad Sharma signaled strong support for the IAEA decision in a September 26 conversat

Lukewarm Support from India's Shia Leadership

8. (SBU) Shia Muslim leaders in Lucknow have dismissed concerns of an Indian Shia backlash against the GOI vote, noting that Indian Shias ter

Public Diplomacy Implications

9. (SBU) In the midst of the intense public debate on a highly complex domestic political issue in which the GOI finds itself being criticize

10. (SBU) We suggest the following press guidance on the issue of the GOI vote on the Iran resolution at the IAEA:

-- The United States welcomes the broad diplomatic support the EU-3 resolution received at the IAEA on Saturday. We look forward to working wi

-- (If asked) We refer you to the GOI for comments on its vote at the IAEA. The following is suggested guidance on US policy on the Iran-India

-- The USG's concerns on Iran are clear and well-known. We are deeply concerned about Iran's problematic behavior, and we are sharing our conc

A Difficult Step

11. (C) Comment: The decision to vote with the EU and US when several other NAM stalwarts abstained is the first significant public step that

End Comment.

12. (U) Visit New Delhi's Classified Website: (<http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/sa/newdelhi/>)

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